

LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. Justin McCarthy is following up his success as the historian of "Our Own Times" by writing a history of the First Reform Period. He is also at work upon a new novel by way of recreation.

The *Saturday Review* deals savagely with Mr. Julian Hawthorne's new volume of short stories, and finds that he "does not appreciate the difference between beautiful, it fantastic, imagination and merely puerile extravagance."

Mr. Thomas Hardy's new novel, "The Trumpet-Major," will be ready to-day at Henry Holt & Co.'s. It is one of the Leisure Hour series, whose new cover, designed by Mr. Robert Blum, is thoroughly excellent in color and design.

A. C. Armstrong & Son have ready to-day the last story of the late W. H. G. Kingston, called "Shore and Ocean," a book of stirring adventure; also a handsome reprint of Mary Cowell Clarke's "Girlishhood of Shakespeare's Heroines," which is illustrated in color and design.

Leopold von Ranke, the historian of the Roman Papacy, is older than the German Emperor and as vigorous. Not satisfied with giving the world as many volumes as he has years, he is now engaged upon a universal history, the first two volumes of which will be ready about Christmas.

"The Saxon, the Celt and the Negro; or, A Historical and Descriptive Sketch of the South and the Southern People from the Settlement of Jamestown to the Present Time," is the comprehensive title of a new book by Mr. J. B. Mansfield, of Washington, which will be ready sometime during the holidays.

Mrs. Greenough saw her poem, "Mary Magdalene," was suggested by her husband's statue, "Mary Magdalene at the Tomb," and the *St. James's Gazette* adds: "Since nothing happens without an adequate cause, this gives us a very high opinion of Mr. Greenough's statue, though we have not seen it."

The collection of "book plates," which is not to be placed on the same plane with the postage stamp era, has received an impetus from Mr. J. L. Warren's book on the subject, recently issued in London. The oldest book plate known dates from 1668.

Mottoes directed against borrowers used to be common on book-plates, and these are given as samples: "The ungrateful borrower and pawn not again"; "Go ye rather to them that sell and buy for yourselves."

Original "Americanisms" are few, and the Englishman who smears them does so at the expense of his ancestors. Even the good old Yankee ear-mark "I guess" is used as Chancery, who, as "the Father of the English Language," is not wholly obsolete as an authority. He frequently uses it in the modern sense, as in describing Emelie in "The Knight's Tale":

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